

**Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition Assessment
and
Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program**

Quarterly Meeting Summary
June 7, 2018; 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Teleconference

Attendees:

Lisa Hanusiak – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
John Klenke – Nye County
Bryan Pyle – White Pine County
Tom Schaniel – Inyo County
Kiersten Hooper – Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
Eileen Christensen – BEC Environmental, Inc. (BEC)
Rachel Schlick – BEC
Abigail Sumanis – BEC

Acronyms:

AWP – Area Wide Plan
ESA – Environmental Site Assessment
RDSBC – Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition
RLF – Revolving Loan Fund

I. Introductions and Announcements

Kiersten Hooper (Duckwater Shoshone Tribe) was welcomed to the Rural Desert Southwest Brownfields Coalition (RDSBC).

The RDSBC was congratulated for being awarded a Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant.

II. General Updates

There was discussion of utilizing the latest Area Wide Plan (AWP) as a tool for potential grant opportunities and outreach until an update to the plan occurs. Schlick noted a chapter for the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe has not been developed, and that the chapter could be developed right away, pending direction from the Tribe. Schlick agreed to send the AWP to Hooper to share with the community. Tom Schaniel (Inyo County) added that Inyo County was happy with the latest AWP iteration.

There was brief discussion regarding the usage of social media to inform/connect with the community about current and potential brownfields opportunities. Schlick agreed to send the RDSBC website link to Hooper for possible inclusion on the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe website.

There was discussion about the importance of defining banks and relators in each of the coalition member areas for stakeholder outreach. BEC agreed to add local relators to the outreach list and distribute the list to coalition members for review.

III. Region Specific Updates

1. Duckwater Shoshone
 - a. The Eligibility Evaluation for the Irrigation Canals was in development. There was discussion regarding the use, reuse, and potential contamination associated with the canals.
 - b. There was brief discussion regarding the abandoned landfills and a gravel pit on the Duckwater Reservation.
2. Esmeralda
 - a. The NDEP 128(a) reports for the Dew Drop Inn and the Old Gas Station and convenience store were in review. A follow up with Tracy Bilyeu (property owner) was needed to discuss next steps.
 - b. The property owner's address was obtained for the Coaldale Junction. A letter was to be sent to the property owner, William Parravano with S N Trust, outlining potential brownfields opportunities.
3. Inyo
 - a. Schaniel reported there was an effort to obtain a grant to help facilitate the Veteran's Services Facility project. He added there were three parcels the County was interested in acquiring for the project. A Brownfields Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) would be part of the grant process.
 - b. Schaniel advised ongoing monitoring of the Wye Road Property in Bishop, CA. He added a portion of the was property sold and was being redeveloped as a grocery store.
 - c. There was discussion regarding the Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery and the ongoing stakeholder coordination between the EPA and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
4. Lincoln
 - a. A prospective purchaser of the Gem Theater was interested in restoring the building to a cinema. An eligibility evaluation was in review with Nye County before submittal to the EPA.
 - b. The property owner of the Y Junction property restated interest in selling property.
5. Mineral
 - a. Property Manager (Ron Kipper) for Montgomery Pass was not interested in the program.
 - b. There was ongoing coordination with Dan McPeake (Mineral County) to identify the specific site of interest regarding the Luning Railroad Property and a potential site east of Mina.
 - c. The Phase I ESA for the Isom Property was completed during the last grant period. The next steps would include identifying reuse/redevelopment goals, sampling and analysis, and phase II ESA work.
6. Nye
 - a. Ongoing coordination with Tim Dahl and Annette Shaw (Nye County) to identify potential new Public Works Properties was discussed.

- b. An Amargosa Bike Path KMZ file was developed by John Klenke (Nye County). Identification of potential brownfields parcels (not Bureau of Land Management) along the proposed route was ongoing.
- c. The Tonopah Library Expansion Property Sampling and Analysis Plan was in development. A public meeting to discuss redevelopment of the property was scheduled for June 15, 2018.

7. White Pine

- a. There was discussion of potential brownfields identification through the White Pine County Tourism and Recreation Board. Pyle added the County was working on a grant associated with revitalizing the downtown corridor, where additional opportunities may exist.
- b. The Pearce Addition sites were assessed through the Nevada State Brownfields Program. Monitoring of these parcels was ongoing.
- c. Pyle reported the McGill Ball Park southern ball pit was in use. He explained the northern pit was completed, pending the area surrounding the bleachers.
- d. There was discussion about ongoing coordination regarding the Central Ely School and potential redevelopment as a park. BEC developed a draft letter to the current owner regarding potential assessment and redevelopment opportunities. Pyle confirmed property owner outreach letters could be distributed without White Pine County review.

IV. Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)

- 1. The Tonopah Airport Fixed Based Operator Building and Public Works Buildings 1 & 2 Cleanup Request for Proposals were in review with Nye County. The State Historic Preservation Office package for Public Works Buildings was in review with Nye County.

V. Open Discussion

VI. Action Items

- 1. Schlick agreed to send the AWP to Hooper (completed).
- 2. Schlick agreed to share the RDSBC website link with Hooper (completed).
- 3. BEC would add local relators to the outreach list and distribute the list to coalition members for review.

VII. Next Meeting

- 1. Tentatively 1st or 2nd week of September.